

# The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



AF River Photo courtesy of George Schade

## ALL ABOUT WATER

### City Preparations For Spring Runoff

By Mayor Brad Frost

American Fork City has been preparing for months, making detailed plans, and coordinating with many different agencies to do all we can in advance to prepare for the spring snow melt. While we can't guarantee anything when it comes to weather and flooding, residents can rest assured that if there is something the city can do to prepare, we are doing it.

In March I participated in an emergency planning meeting with leaders from Utah County, surrounding cities, fire departments, law enforcement agencies including County Sheriffs and Highway Patrol, the forest service, and the American Fork Irrigation Company. The topic of course was emergency planning for the upcoming water runoff season. Specifically, I have been working closely with Utah County and our own irrigation company to address any issues we can in advance to help prepare for the upcoming runoff. Both organizations have pledged to assist us with whatever they can if needed.

City added a weir & debris basin at the base of American Fork Canyon. This basin is intended to catch any loose tree limbs and debris that wash down from the canyon so it can be removed before entering American Fork City limits.



Weir at the base of AF Canyon

In February, our crews performed an inspection of the weir and debris basin. Along with environmental debris, they often find people's trash illegally dumped there. Household items such as couches and mattresses are often found in the riverbed and require a coordinated effort to dispose of

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## Office Numbers

Administration .....	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library .....	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center .....	801-763-3090

## Non-Emergency

Police .....	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

## On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized .....	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain .....	801-404-7167
Streets .....	801-404-1255
Garbage .....	801-924-8500
Street Lights .....	801-814-4311



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After the flood of 1983 American Fork

# BE PREPARED

## American Fork City Alerts Sign-up

<https://americanfork.gov/AFnotify>

## Emergency Preparedness Manual

<https://americanfork.gov/emergency>

## Be Ready Utah

<https://beready.utah.gov>

## National Weather Service

<https://www.noaa.gov>

## City Emergency Contacts

Emergency: 911

Police/Fire Dispatch: 801-794-3970

Sewer/Storm: 801-404-7167

Streets: 801-404-1255

Water: 801-404-1253

Public Works: 801-763-3060

## Contract Services Contacts

Rocky Mountain Power: 877-508-2088

Dominion Energy (Gas): 800-767-1689

### 12 Areas of Preparedness



## 2023 Burn Permits

American Fork Fire Rescue would like to announce, according to the Utah Division of Air Quality, the City's open burn season will be from March 30, 2023 to May 30, 2023. Residents can apply for a permit online or in person at the fire station location at 96 North Center St. to obtain a burn permit at a cost of \$20. Payment can be made with cash, check or card. Before each burn, individuals will need to call the county burn number to confirm it is a green burn day and fill out a form on the State UDEQ website. More information is on the city website at [americanfork.gov/burnpermit](https://americanfork.gov/burnpermit).



Call the Fire Department with any questions at 801-763-3045. Please be safe.

# City Preps For Spring Runoff

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these items properly. This year, staff encountered enough bagged grass dumped illegally to fill a two-ton truck bed. Due to the amazing efforts of the storm water division, there have been no major backups in years past due to these obstructions. It took some work, but the weir and debris basin are cleared out and ready to work properly for spring runoff.

This year American Fork City is partnering with our neighboring cities to make sure we have staff and equipment regularly stationed at the debris basin during the heavier runoff. I am grateful to the dedicated men and women working in our neighboring communities who are also committed to make sure we are as prepared as possible.

In addition to our preparations before any potential runoff reaches American Fork City, we have also done extensive work at mitigating flooding as the river travels through our city. This winter, city crews proactively removed overgrown vegetation and trash in the river throughout the city. We have also been working with Utah County for the portions of the river they control along 100 W south of I-15. This again will reduce the chances of debris clogging the river which is the leading cause of flooding.

The City is paying close attention to areas where the river crosses under roadways. These

and emergency crews may place K-rail (large concrete barriers, also called jersey barriers) in advance at potential choke point locations. Should they need to, these staged barriers will allow us to act quickly to direct water flow and minimize flooding. Not all crossings are of high concern, but some are. American Fork City's police, fire, and public works are working together to monitor the river during daily peak flow times, which is typically around 2:00am. Our crews and equipment will be ready to mobilize at a moments notice.

American Fork City is also prepared with sandbags which we can deploy to areas that may be in urgent need. We will also be providing sand and bags that residents can fill and take with them if needed. We ask that residents take only what they need, up to 25 bags per household. If you feel you need more, please contact Public Works directly so we can assess how we can



best help. We will monitor the sand supply and replenish as needed. Residents can pick up empty bags at the city's Public Works admin building located at 275 E 200 N. Please bring your own shovel. For the time being, the sand will be available during business hours, M-Th from 7am to 5:30pm. We may expand those hours as needed.

Finally, residents should be aware of larger regional efforts implemented to help mitigate flooding. For example, after the flooding of 1983 the state added booster pumps in Utah Lake at the mouth of the Jordan River. These pumps would push water from Utah Lake into the Jordan River toward Salt Lake. These pumps are designed to pump water once the water level reaches a certain elevation. I have also been in touch with many of the local contractors developing in our community. They have committed to lend their support, including heavy equipment, labor, and even fuel, to assist as needed. These are both additional resources outside of the city's resources intended to help mitigate the chances of flooding in our community.

Hopefully this year's runoff will be a non-issue as temperatures slowly increase over a long period of time. But we must plan and prepare areas of concern to the greatest extent possible. While there is no way to fully avoid the effects of natural disasters, we are striving to be as ready as possible.

To stay informed about runoff preparations, including sandbag filling, plus any emergency situations, sign up for a timely AF Notify text/email at [americanfork.gov/Notify](https://americanfork.gov/Notify).



areas could act as choke points in the runoff flow.

Depending on the location, public works



## GREEN WASTE CLEANUP EVENT



American Fork City is inviting all residents and organized groups to participate in this year's citywide Green Waste Cleanup happening April 22-29. The focus of the event is clearing debris, weeds, and overgrowth from sidewalks and walking paths in every neighborhood around American Fork. We encourage you to work as groups in the community to beautify our city.

The City will provide a limited number of FREE green waste dump coupons (first-come, first-serve) good for use from April 22-29 at North Pointe Solid Waste at 2000 W 200 S Lindon. A coupon can be obtained starting April 10th at the City Admin Building at 51 E Main, M-Th, 7am-6pm and Friday 8am-4pm. Call 801-763-3000 if you have any questions. Please limit dump material to green waste only.

## FITNESS CENTER SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Head over to the Fitness Center pool for Spring Break April 3-7 for extended hours for the WIBIT track and diving board.

Summer program registration (gymnastics, itty bitty ball, princess dance camp, etc) opens

April 17. Some class sizes are limited and fill up quickly. Register at [affc.activityreg.com](http://affc.activityreg.com).

The Fitness Center and pool will be closed April 21-25 for maintenance and bubble removal.

## P.I. Water Turns On

City Pressurized Irrigation utility service will be turned on beginning April 15th. When first connecting to the system, slowly open up the valve to introduce water into your sprinkler system. Make sure your filter is clean and connected.

Like every year, there is a watering schedule based on your address:

### American Fork City Water Schedule

WEEKDAY	HOME ADDRESS	TIME
Sun, Tue, Thu	Even	1 am - 11 pm
Mon, Wed, Fri	Odd	1 am - 11 pm

Work on the PI Meter Installation project will pick up in late spring with Phase 2 for the lower two-thirds of the City. Learn more about PI Meter installations and how it will affect your property at [americanfork.gov/meters](http://americanfork.gov/meters).



Pressurized Irrigation On:  
**April 15**

## U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony



**April 19, 2023 7:00pm**  
**Quail Cove Amphitheater**

The public is invited to attend a flag retirement ceremony hosted by the American Legion Post 49, the Honor Guard, AF Fire & Rescue, AFD. Attendees will learn the reasons why we retire the US flag and the proper way it is done. The ceremony will include an invocation, The Pledge of Allegiance, The National Anthem, taps, firing M1s, and the burning of the retired flag. For questions, please contact Commander Hall at 801-376-0861.



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES Fitness & Fun

- 3 month summer pass sale happening now
- Princess dance camp
- Kidz Korner pre-school camp
- Summer swim lesson registration online 4.19.2023
- Summer swim team tryouts 5.2.2023
- Gymnastics
- Ninja warriors
- Itty bitty ball
- Capoeira
- Come checkout our group fitness classes as well

**REGISTER@AFFC.ACTIVITYREG.COM**



WASATCH WINDS  
*Spring Favorites*

**MON, APRIL 24, 2023**  
**7PM @ AMERICAN FORK HS**

## APRIL 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Date & Time	Event & Location	Details
April 1	Youth tennis lessons, youth tennis league, youth golf lessons registration opens	Go to <a href="http://affc.activityreg.com">affc.activityreg.com</a> to register. Classes fill up quickly.
April 1-30	AF Fitness Center Pass Sale	Go to <a href="http://americanfork.gov/fitness">americanfork.gov/fitness</a> for details.
April 3-7	Alpine School District Spring Break	No school for K-12 grades.
April 10; 7pm	Gardening Series: trees - Library Community Room	Series taught by Master Gardeners from the AF Beautification Committee.
April 11; 7pm	City Council Meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: <a href="http://americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center">americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center</a> .
April 11 & 25; 7:30pm	Adult Beginner Yoga - Library Community Room	Stretch your muscles and center your mind. Please bring your own mat.
April 15	Pressurized Irrigation turns on	See best practices at <a href="http://americanfork.gov/water">americanfork.gov/water</a> .
April 17; 7pm	Bingo for Books - Library Community Room	Get your daubers ready! Come for a fun family night of bingo, laughs, and free books. All ages.
April 17	Summer Childrens Fitness Center Programing registration opens.	Gymnastics, Itty-Bitty Ball, and more registration at <a href="http://affc.activityreg.com">affc.activityreg.com</a> .
April 19; 7pm	Flag Retirement Ceremony - Quail Cove Amphitheater	Hosted by the American Legion Post 49, the Honor Guard, AF Fire & Rescue, and AFPD.
April 19	Youth Swim Lessons registration opens	Go to <a href="http://affc.activityreg.com">affc.activityreg.com</a> to register. Classes fill up quickly.
April 21-25	AF Fitness Center and pool CLOSED	Scheduled maintenance and bubble removal.
April 24; 7pm	Wasatch Winds Concert - AFHS	Wastach Music Alliance presents <i>Spring Favorites</i> .
April 24; 7pm	Gardening Series: Yard Readiness - Library Community Room	Series taught by Master Gardeners from the AF Beautification Committee.
April 25; 7pm	City Council Meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: <a href="http://americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center">americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center</a> .
April 27	Arbor Day Celebration - Val Vista Park	Join us to plant a tree!
April 22-29	Spring Green Waste Clean Up Event	Dump coupons at Admin Building. Call 801-763-3000 for details.

## Join Us At The Senior Center

The American Fork Senior Center, located at 54 E Main, provides daily activities and meals Monday through Friday. We are an active aging facility that brings the community together.

Visit [americanfork.gov/Seniors](http://americanfork.gov/Seniors) to see the exciting programs and activities at the Senior Center like the technology class, book club, movie days, Senior Center trip to Tuacahn, craft classes and so much more. Come share your talents and make friends!



## YOUTH REC PROGRAMS



Registraton for tennis lessons, Tennis League, and golf lessons opens on April 1st. Spots fill quickly, so register as soon as you can. Program information is found at [americanfork.gov/recreation](http://americanfork.gov/recreation).

Go to [affc.activityreg.com](http://affc.activityreg.com) to register.